

Prospects for food, wood and garment processing craft workers

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A diverse group including food processing workers, cabinet - makers and tailors.

Key facts:

- This small but diverse occupational group relates to craft workers who turn the raw materials from the agriculture and fisheries sector into food and other products (or repair these products) – such as cabinet-makers, tailors and food processing workers.
- The occupational group has declined over the long-term. Over one million food, wood and garment processing craft jobs were lost across the EU-28 in the decade up to 2013, and this pattern is set to continue.
- However, there are recruitment difficulties for jobs as diverse as sewing and embroidery, butchers and fishmongers, bakers and confectionary makers, partly because employers see a lack of technical skills.
- Many occupations within this group are highly-skilled in particular production methods, materials and tools. In addition, workers operating in certain sectors, especially the food sector, have to meet stringent health and hygiene standards.

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